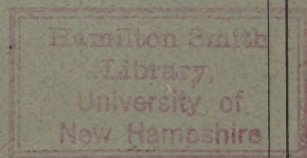


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REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

With pleasure the school board present their report of the schools from February 15th, 1896, to February 15th, 1897, for they have made decided progress. Comparing them with what they were ten, or even five years ago, we can see that their tendency has been onward and upward. This is encouraging and should stimulate the town to make them better and better. It is to be deeply regretted that the schools have been cut short this year as well as last, by the failure of savings banks. It has been incidentally remarked that our schools are long enough now, but such critics cannot have examined carefully and thoroughly the subject of education and the demands of the age. Our schools cannot do the work that is being done in the schools of Keene, Brattleborough, Claremont and Nashua, in which they have thirty-six weeks' schooling, unless our children have about the same advantages. Really, we ought not to fall behind in the march of modern civilization: if we do, we shall meet with an irreparable loss of character and civic status. We cannot afford to do this, looking at it simply from a financial view-point: for wherever, and whenever, the standard of education drops, the value of real estate falls; this has always been the case where the experiment has been tried; but the mental and moral losses occasioned by this neglect, are infinite-

ly more deplorable than the mercenary shrinkage. We make the saddest mistake when we exchange character for mammon. God has given us children, that they may be properly nurtured physically, and become awakened, enlightened and trained mentally and morally. It has been proved by long experience that the young must be annually kept in school, from six to sixteen years of age, some thirty-six weeks, to become in any high degree cultured and fitted for an honorable life-work.

The time has come, when it would seem, that Marlborough should have an English high school for the youths who are prepared for such a blessing, and would be signally grateful for such a proffered opportunity. Especially, should our town be ready to establish such an institution, since it need not involve scarcely any extra expense for the present, and will not, if those in charge of the schools shall be considerate, economical and judicious in the management of the same. Let parents govern their children, sending them to school to be taught, and they can receive first-class instruction for a moderate expenditure. Let us do, as the majority of the high schools do in the middle and western states, employ superior female teachers, costing not more than half the salary that the best male teachers command, and not any more than what second-class male teachers cost, and we can turn out of an English high school, as good scholars as are sent from any school of an equal grade. For years it should not subject the town annually to any more expense than it would a family to send one child out of town for a year, paying tuition and board. Furthermore, it should be borne in mind that, if such a school is not provided, there will be many boys and girls, who will fail to go through a high school

course of study for want of means to do so ; whereas, if they could live at home while doing it, they would certainly avail themselves of the privilege, becoming thereby far greater blessings to their homes, their town and the world. Under these circumstances, it does appear as though a high school in Marlborough should become a fact without delay.

All our schools are now very well graded. The special aim in them, is to do the most thorough mental and moral work. From results we know that our schools have been under the charge of superior teachers, who have faithfully labored for the highest welfare of all pupils under their charge. The teaching has been apt, untiring and practical ; the teachers, we believe, have spent in preparing for their daily recitations and school performances, as much time as the students have devoted hours to study. This is just ; teaching to-day means arduous labor ; no other calling demands more onerous service. Would that parents could know more fully, how earnestly the teachers toil for the highest well-being of their children, and then they would be more particular to co-operate with them, and would do their best to sustain them in their trying vocation. Seldom would they find any reason to judge them partial, or working for selfish ends.

The school board can have no other object in view than to furnish the very best teachers for the schools, and will retain only the faithful and competent for any length of time. The highest good of the school should be first with them and that of the teacher second ; of course the object always should be to do justice to both and all. As soon as students reach the grammar school, they are old enough to govern themselves and help preserve good order in the school room. If they will not

do this, they should not be allowed to remain in the school, thereby hindering the progress of the other pupils. A rogue and demoralizer should not be suffered to continue in school to contaminate other youths; and if he will not reform at once, he should be sent to the State Industrial School for his rescue and education. In most villages and towns there are one, or more youths, who if they were dealt with after this manner, would be greatly aided, and the schools would be conditioned in many instances to develop more fully clear minds and pure hearts. Sowing wild oats in early life, or at any period, has never resulted in producing noble men and women. Parents should be watchful as to the deportment of their children and should know whether, or not, they are living up to the school regulations. If they are lowering their moral standard, the parents should soon consult the teachers, or the school board, finding out the cause of the decline. Let this be early done and it will be likely to change the tendency and so save a downfall. It is singularly strange that some fathers and mothers should be so slow in discovering faults in their children, and thus fail in educating them aright. Let parents be true to their high responsibility and seldom will their boy or girl be ruined. Youthful failures come largely from the want of proper home training.

The school board hold fortnightly meetings on Friday at eleven o'clock in the building of school No. 2 to consider the needs of the schools and consult as to improvements which are possible and practicable. At these meetings students whose deportment has fallen from 100 to 85, come before them for counsel and advice, that the downward may at once be changed to an upward grade. It would be very helpful for parents to meet the board at these meetings, particularly, if their chil-

dren are to come before it. Whenever this has taken place, we are quite certain, it has resulted in good to all concerned. We cannot do any too much for the young, when we do our best for them.

In examining the registers we find them defaced with too many tardy marks, the majority of which might have been prevented, had parents done their duty. The larger part of them have been occasioned by pupils, living in the village and near the school house. This is an evil that should be remedied the ensuing year; it is wasting money and what is far more deplorable, it is injuring character.

In some instances pupils have been kept out of school for work, thereby retarding their intellectual progress, and dropping them behind their class, so that they will be unable to regain their former position. What an injury this occasions to the child! Will not the parent have to answer for this neglect of duty? It never pays to exchange mind for lucre.

For the most part the conduct of the students ranks high, averaging about 90 on a scale of 100, and this gives assurance of good rank in the studies as made manifest by reviews and examinations; in close marking the mental grade is above 85. In some cases students have not done what they might and should have done. It is unfortunate that any children are allowed to spend most of their evenings away from home in various amusements and even into late hours. Of course children should have an opportunity for due recreation and this should, as a rule, be provided for them in the home; but then the whole evening should not be devoted to play; at least, an hour in the evening, and a half hour in the morning should be given to study, or good reading. Many of the former generation were wont to do

this. It is very seldom that a child is injured by over-studying. The sickness usually, which comes to a pupil, save by contagious disease, may be traced to want of sleep, overeating, neglect of due exercise, or some physical violation.

It has been said and often implied that the children at the present day are being frightfully crowded and pushed in their studies. If such complainers would only examine into our schools and requirements, visiting them occasionally, they would be sure to change their opinion. The great rush is not in the school room but outside in society at large. This is a fast age and too often parents press their sons and daughters right into the current, because they seem to be afraid lest they will fail to move in the popular ranks, and so they are forced to know many more things at ten, twelve and fourteen years of age than they should know at their majority ; thus these side issues and false education unfit them for doing solid mental work ; this high pressure is really what is breaking down so many, or keeping them from developing into superb maturity. The fast living in many villages and cities, is what is playing mischief with so many youths. The children that are passing their evenings at home in thinking pure thoughts and judiciously exercising their minds in study, good reading, pleasant converse and retiring early, are the ones that successfully run for the goal.

It is lamentable, there are not more parents, who are able to assist their children in their studies, and thus be in a condition to judge fairly as to school requirements and the amount of study necessary to produce thinkers, which is the special object of attending school, and in short, of all study. Should parents know facts, they would seldom advise their children inopportunately, or,

at least, through ignorance. If children do not become properly disciplined to think and to control themselves, they are prone to make failures ; the blame for which is likely to be laid at the parental door. What duties God has imposed upon parents !

We have eight different schools in which have been taught during the past year 350 different scholars. They have been under cultured teachers, most of whom have been specially trained for their work and have labored in the school room for years. Their instruction has been of a high order. To our regret one who has been in charge of a grammar division for three years, doing most accurate and impartial work, has resigned her position on account of ill health and the want of fullest assistance on the part of a few parents who do not understand their children as they should, to do the best possible good for them. She has left a worthy name behind her, which will be tenderly spoken in all the years to come by those who have known and appreciated her consecrated labors. An experienced teacher has been engaged to succeed her another term.

It is hoped that the coming year, strenuous effort will be made to guard against absences and tardinesses ; of the former there have been 4595 and of the latter 1362 causing a waste, at least, of one-fifth of the school money. This wrong can and should be forthwith prevented. It must be to save our town from unmitigated dishonor.

The order in the schools for the year has been the best known in the history of the town. The oldest and most advanced students generally have done themselves credit, as to deportment and scholarship ; with no small degree of satisfaction we note their faithfulness and advancement. This is as it should be, the oldest and best in scholarship should set a good example to the

youngest pupils. The best of teachers cannot make a good school without orderly and studious scholars.

Our school buildings are in a good condition and are well insured ; the blackboards will need repairing and some of the desks should be varnished. The heating apparatus in the building of No. 2 must be improved and can be without much expense.

The text books, as a rule, have been used with care ; in a few instances books have been discovered with leaves turned down and some pencillings, defacing the pages ; should this continue the holders of such books will be required to pay for them. We believe in every case where glass has been broken by students, they have made it known and paid for the replacing of it ; this is honest and commendable. It is right that all damage done to school property should be made good by the one causing the injury. While our town has not been visited the last twelve months by any prevailing disease which has interfered with school attendance, still the Roll of Honor has been unfortunately depleted by sickness ; a single day, or a few days have seriously decreased the names on its list.

Another year it is very desirable that we should have from thirty-four to thirty-six weeks' schooling, to be on a par with the foremost rural towns in the state. We have enrolled in town some 391 children of school age. Now these are to be educated in some manner. The Indian pappoose becomes educated to the bow and arrow ; the Arab bedouin, to roving and robbing ; the Spanish brigand, to murder and plundering ; the Japanese Ainos, to being robed in fur and drinking blubber ; the aristocrat, to indolence and being served ; so the young are bound to be judiciously, or adversely educated ; accordingly, our resolve and determination should be to have

the best schools ; and to have these, we must have the best pupils and the best teachers. To know whether, or not, we have these, we must watch over them ; we must visit them and lend our influence to improve them in all helpful ways ; see to it that they are managed economically and wisely. As is the generation on the stage of action, so will be in a large measure the coming generation.

We should be fully aware that the co-education of the sexes involves embarrassments and often alarming drawbacks, 'proving that parents should know where their children are, especially, evenings, what they are doing, whether or not, they are gaining the power to think and study, and are cultivating continuity of mind, realizing that, if they are not doing all this and more, they are not being rightly educated. Their every act, tone of voice and expression of countenance will indicate the manner in which they are being developed.

It was an exalted work for Raphael to paint the canvas and Phidias to cut the marble, placing the most perfect picture on the wall and the most complete statue on the pedestal ; but how much more exalted is the work of parents and teachers in fashioning youthful minds suitably for the noblest life-work.

S. H. McCOLLESTER,

E. P. RICHARDSON,

JOHN S. COLBY,

School Board.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Signifying good conduct and constant attendance for the year.

NAMES OF PUPILS.

Ray Page, Carrie Moors, Helen Wiswell, Clyde R. Partridge, William C. Jewett, Edward Greene, Harry Richardson, Florence M. White.

TEACHERS.

- No. 1. Miss Bertha M. Seaver, from Chesham, N. H.
- No. 2. Miss Viola E. McClure, from Plymouth, N. H.
- No. 2. Miss Lillian S. Kimball, from Newton Junction,
N. H.
- No. 2. Miss Etta A. Sawyer, from Keene, N. H.
- No. 2. Miss Elizabeth E. Randall, from Waltham, Mass.
- No. 2. Miss Nellie M. Howard, from Marlboro', N. H.
- No. 2. Miss Grace H. White, from Marlboro', N. H.
- No. 3. Miss Mabel Holt, from Marlboro', N. H.
- No. 4. Miss Inez M. Farnum, from Marlboro', N. H.

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARLBOROUGH.
FOR THE YEARS 1896—1897.

1896.		
Feb. 23.	Balance on hand,	\$63 70
April 1.	Ora Monroe, for grass,	1 00
April 25.	Cash from town treasurer,	100 00
June 24.	Cash from town treasurer,	900 00
June 27.	Cash from town treasurer,	84 00
Sept. 26.	Cash from town treasurer,	100 00
Nov. 28.	Cash from town treasurer,	1,132 00
1897.		
Feb. 8.	Cash from town treasurer,	1,058 45
		<hr/> \$3,439 15

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Money for school purposes,	\$3,439 15
Books and supplies,	214 40
Insurance,	56 40
	<hr/> \$3,709 95

TOTAL PAYMENTS.

Schooling,	\$3,167 11
Books and supplies,	226 90

Insurance,	\$56 40
Balance,	259 54
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	\$3,709 95

SCHOOLING.

PAYMENTS.

1896.

Feb. 21.	Harry Craig, janitor, No. 1,	\$3 30
Feb. 22.	George Dustin, mileage, No. 2,	3 46
Feb. 22.	Leslie L. White, conveying scholars, Nos. 1-2,	18 70
Feb. 22.	Clarence Worcester, mileage,	3 60
Feb. 22.	Leon E. Smith, mileage, 2 scholars,	3 45
Feb. 22.	Harold Knight, mileage,	2 10
Feb. 22.	Mrs. George Robinson, mileage,	9 94
Feb. 22.	H. A. Cook, janitor, 3 days,	2 00
Feb. 22.	Arthur Fuller, mileage,	3 60
Feb. 22.	Mrs. George Howe, mileage,	3 40
Apr. 10.	Isaac Despres, 6 cords wood, Nos. 3-4,	22 50
Apr. 11.	Thomas Trombly, sawing 6 cords wood,	3 00
Apr. 17.	John M. Fox, glass and work,	3 70
Apr. 18.	R. J. Dunn, tuition, 2 scholars, Chesham, 1894—1895,	20 00
Apr. 25.	Webb Granite Construction Co., granite in 1894,	24 00
May 2.	Leonard Goodnow, errands,	1 20
May 2.	Charles A. Sawyer, sawing wood, No. 2,	2 25
May 2.	Harry H. Gates, sawing wood, No. 1,	2 25
June 16.	J. & L. Knowlton, fence lumber,	8 69
June 16.	Knight & Fitch, repairs,	1 65

June 24.	Eugenia Chabot, sweeping, No. 2,	\$2 20
June 24.	Melinda Crotto, sweeping, No. 2,	2 20
June 24.	Ellen Bertram, sweeping, No. 2,	2 20
June 26.	Viola E. McClure, teaching, 11 weeks, No. 2,	165 00
June 26.	Lillian S. Kimball, teaching, 11 weeks, No. 2,	110 00
June 26.	Elizabeth E. Randall, teaching, 11 weeks, No. 2,	132 00
June 26.	Nellie M. Howard, teaching, 11 weeks, No. 2,	66 00
June 26.	Etta A. Sawyer, teaching 11 weeks, No. 2,	99 00
June 26.	Bertha M. Seaver, teaching, 11 weeks, No. 1,	93 50
June 26.	Mabel A. Holt, teaching, 11 weeks, No. 3,	93 50
June 26.	Inez M. Farnum, teaching, 11 weeks, No. 4,	93 50
June 26.	Mrs. Mary Jewett, mileage,	6 00
June 26.	Mrs. George Robinson, mileage,	17 30
June 26.	Harry Craig, janitor, No. 1,	3 30
June 26.	Ray Page, janitor, No. 2,	18 50
June 26.	Bertha Hart, sweeping, No. 2,	4 40
June 26.	Lizzie Baum, sweeping, No. 2,	4 40
June 26.	Almon Parker, piling wood in shed, No. 1,	50
June 26.	Roland Smith, mileage,	6 30
June 26.	Harold Knight, mileage,	3 12
June 26.	Arthur Fuller, mileage,	4 40
June 26.	Leslie L. White, mileage,	16 50
June 26.	George Dustin, mileage,	5 40
June 26.	Henry LaPlant, janitor, No. 3,	3 30
June 26.	Harry Smith, mileage for two,	4 24

June	26.	Alberto Shattuck, mileage,	\$6 00
June	27.	Moses Stone, repairing fence, No. 4,	1 80
June	27.	Mrs. George Howe, janitor and mileage,	9 42
July	14.	John Campbell, cleaning vaults,	2 00
July	16.	F. P. Wellington, repairing clock,	1 00
July	18.	Harry Craig, piling wood, No. 1,	60
July	25.	Clinton Collins & Co., stock and repairs,	50
Aug.	4.	C. L. Bemis, postage stamps,	25
Sept.	4.	H. A. Cook, work, No. 2,	5 25
Sept.	7.	Samuel Mason, six cords wood,	22 50
Sept.	11.	Hannah Marston, cleaning, Nos. 1-2-3-4,	15 00
Nov.	13.	John W. Sawyer, work, No. 2,	7 08
Nov.	13.	W. R. Mellen, 15 tons coal,	97 50
Nov.	20.	Viola E. McClure, teaching, No. 2,	165 00
Nov.	20.	Lillian S. Kimball, teaching, No. 2,	110 00
Nov.	20.	Etta A. Sawyer, teaching, No. 2,	99 00
Nov.	20.	Elizabeth E. Randall, teaching, No. 2,	132 00
Nov.	20.	Bertha M. Seaver, teaching, No. 1,	93 50
Nov.	20.	Mabel A. Holt, teaching, No. 3,	93 50
Nov.	20.	Inez M. Farnum, teaching, No. 4,	93 50
Nov.	20.	Nellie M. Howard, teaching, No. 2,	56 00
Nov.	20.	Kate E. Clark, teaching, two days, No. 2,	2 40
Nov.	20.	Ray Page, janitor, No. 2,	20 00
Nov.	20.	Mrs. George Robinson, mileage,	17 58
Nov.	20.	Evander E. Smith, mileage, and janitor, No. 1,	12 52
Nov.	20.	Harold Knight, mileage,	7 70
Nov.	20.	Leslie L. White, mileage,	17 36
Nov.	20.	George Dustin, mileage,	6 60

Nov. 20.	Henry LaPlant, janitor, No. 3,	\$3 30
Nov. 20.	Allie Shattuck, mileage,	5 76
Nov. 20.	Mrs. George Howe, mileage, and janitor, No. 4,	7 24
Nov. 20.	Genie Colby, sweeping, No. 2,	1 10
Nov. 20.	Grace McRoy, sweeping, No. 2,	1 10
Nov. 20.	Lizzie Baum, sweeping, No. 2,	1 60
Nov. 20.	Bertha Hart, sweeping, No. 2,	2 40
Nov. 24.	Clinton Collins & Co., glass and putty,	4 45
Nov. 27.	Mrs. Joseph Despres, mileage,	5 10
Nov. 28.	H. A. Cook, work on house, No. 2,	3 43
Nov. 28.	Melinda Crotto, sweeping, No. 2,	2 40
Nov. 28.	Ellen Bertram, sweeping, No. 2,	2 40
Dec. 5.	Clarence Worcester, mileage,	1 36
Dec. 5.	Vannie Dexter, teaching, 1 week, No. 2,	6 00
Dec. 11.	Harry Craig, janitor, 3 weeks, No. 1,	90
Dec. 19.	H. A. Cook, janitor, 2 weeks, No. 2,	10 00
Dec. 19.	Carrie Moors, assisting Miss Ran- dall,	1 00
Dec. 19.	Victoria Despres, mileage,	2 90
1897.		
Jan. 2.	H. A. Cook, janitor, 2 weeks, No. 2,	10 00
Jan. 2.	A.P. Knight & Co., work and stock,	1 00
Jan. 7.	Davis, Wright & Harlow, stock and labor,	9 91
Jan. 16.	H. A. Cook, wheelbarrow, \$3.00, janitor, 2 weeks,	13 00
Jan. 30.	Ola Bemis, mileage,	4 80
Jan. 30.	H. A. Cook, janitor, 2 weeks,	10 00
Feb. 6.	Rev. W. G. Poor, lecture on physi- ology,	2 50

Feb. 6.	John Fox, glass and setting,	\$1 00
Feb. 12.	Viola E. McClure, teaching, No. 2,	150 00
Feb. 12.	Lillian S. Kimball, teaching, No. 2,	100 00
Feb. 12.	Elizabeth E. Randall, teaching, No. 2,	120 00
Feb. 12.	Etta A. Sawyer, teaching, No. 2,	90 00
Feb. 12.	Grace H. White, teaching, No. 2,	60 00
Feb. 12.	Mabel A. Holt, teaching, No. 3,	85 00
Feb. 12.	Bertha M. Seaver, teaching, No. 1,	85 00
Feb. 12.	Inez M. Farnum, teaching, No. 4,	85 00
Feb. 12.	Dow J. Hart, wood and kindlings,	3 25
Feb. 12.	Adams & Atwood, hardware,	12 06
Feb. 13.	H. A. Cook, janitor, 2 weeks, No. 2,	10 00
Feb. 13.	Milton J. White, mileage,	10 80
Feb. 13.	Guy Pebbles, shavings, \$0.50, jan- itor, No. 4,	3 50
Feb. 13.	Henry LaPlant, janitor, No. 3,	3 00
Feb. 13.	L. E. Smith, mileage, \$9.12, jan- itor, No. 1,	12 12
Feb. 13.	Allie Shattuck, mileage,	4 44
Feb. 15.	Arthur Fuller, mileage,	3 68
Feb. 15.	Leslie L. White, mileage,	13 86
Feb. 15.	L. A. Fuller, work, No. 3,	1 32
Feb. 15.	Arthur Fuller, mileage,	4 32
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		\$3,167 11

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

RECEIPTS.

1896.

Feb. 21.	Balance,	\$2 80
Feb. 26.	1 slate,	08
Feb. 26.	1 reader,	24
Aug. 15.	1 algebra,	40

Dec. 26.	Cash from town treasurer,	\$100 00
1897.		
Feb. 8.	Cash from town treasurer,	110 00
Feb. 13.	General history,	1 28
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		\$214 80

PAYMENTS.

1896.

May 2.	University Publishing Co., books,	\$2 50
May 2.	Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	1 43
May 2.	George F. King & Merrill, supplies,	12 75
May 2.	Ginn & Co., books,	12 00
May 2.	Boston School Supply Co., books and ink,	9 28
May 2.	Republican Press Association, enumeration cards,	2 25
May 16.	Republican Press Association, memory exercise,	25
May 16.	Oliver Ditson & Co., music,	1 97
June 16.	Ginn & Co., books,	2 00
June 26.	Adams & Tenney, supplies and re- pairs,	17 28
June 26.	W. H. Spalter, books,	2 34
June 26.	Silver, Burdette & Co., music,	91
July 10.	Walter Morse, standard reference atlas,	8 00
Sept. 25.	E. P. Richardson, seven school maps,	8 00
Oct. 21.	W. L. Metcalf, paper and supplies,	2 98
Oct. 30.	Ginn & Co., books,	6 15
Oct. 30.	Boston School Supply Co., crayons,	96
Oct. 30.	Cummings & Remington, practice paper,	3 00

Oct.	30.	Edward E. Babb & Co., books,	\$28 41
Oct.	30.	Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	85
Oct.	30.	American Book Co., books,	20 74
Oct.	30.	C. S. Moors, express, 1895,	5 75
Dec.	15.	W. L. Metcalf, paper and rules,	2 95
Dec.	23.	Silver, Burdette & Co., books,	1 67
Dec.	23.	Cummings & Remington, supplies,	14 28
Dec.	23.	Ginn & Co., books,	2 15
Dec.	23.	D. C. Heath & Co., books,	8 40
Dec.	23.	American Book Co., books,	12 48
1897.			
Jan.	30.	W. L. Metcalf, paper,	1 20
Feb.	1.	Ginn & Co., spelling blanks,	2 32
Feb.	1.	Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, copy books,	3 33
Feb.	1.	Boston School Supply Co., erasers and pens,	18 00
Feb.	10.	Boston School Supply Co., crayons,	1 14
Feb.	10.	W. H. Spalter, books and labor,	4 35
Feb.	10.	C. B. Collins & Co., supplies,	4 33
Feb.	10.	Postage,	50
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			\$226 90

C. O. WHITNEY,
Treasurer.

Marlborough, February 17, 1897.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND TREASURER.

We, the undersigned, selectmen and treasurer of the town of Marlborough, respectfully submit the following financial report for the year ending February 15, 1897.

APRIL INVOICE, 1896.

Resident real estate,	\$445,896 00
Non-resident real estate,	14,872 00
Mills and machinery,	38,350 00
Stock in trade,	33,270 00
Money at interest,	39,376 00
Stock in banks,	19,596 00
298 horses,	17,068 00
6 oxen,	264 00
305 cows,	8,042 00
7 neat stock,	210 00
121 sheep,	304 00
16 carriages,	1,068 00
443 polls,	44,300 00
1 hog,	8 00
Fowls,	74 00
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	\$662,698 00

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAX.

State tax,	\$1,825 00
County tax,	1,008 40
Highways,	2,000 00
Schools,	2,725 00
Insurance,	70 00
Town charges,	500 00
Steam fire engine,	800 00
Concrete,	500 00
Uniforms for Steamer Co.,	200 00
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	\$9,628 40
Surplusage,	312 07
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	\$9,940 47

Rate per cent. on one hundred dollars including highway and schools, \$1.50.

Amount committed to T. H. Mahon, collector, \$9,943.02.

Amount of money for school purposes raised

by law,	\$1,825 00
Extra voted by the town,	900 00
Literary fund from the state,	273 70
Asahel Collins fund,	28 00
Lydia Wyman fund,	22 00
Town school fund,	16 80
Tucker school fund,	3 34
Dog license,	162 27
W. H. Wilkinson,	143 34
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	\$3,374 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. O. Whitney, treasurer, for schooling,	\$3,374 45
C. O. Whitney, treasurer, for supplies,	210 00
C. O. Whitney, treasurer, for insurance,	56 40
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	\$3,640 85

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

S. H. McColleston, school board,	\$40 00
E. P. Richardson, school board,	15 00
J. S. Colby, school board,	18 50
C. H. Knight, enumerating scholars,	8 60
A. C. Mason, clerk,	2 00
C. O. Whitney, treasurer,	8 00
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	\$92 10

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Torrent Co., No. 2, 40 men,	\$120 00
Torrent Co., No. 2, 100 hours at fires,	25 00
L. G. Bemis, steward, salary and supplies,	24 65
Steamer Co., 15 men,	45 00
Steamer Co., 62 hours at fires,	15 50
S. M. Woods, steward and supplies,	40 83
Uniforms,	200 00
Hose,	120 00
Coal and wood,	72 07
New signs for engine house,	24 50
Labor and supplies,	52 59
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	\$740 14

AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

George W. Fairbanks,	\$50 00
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AID TO COUNTY PAUPERS.

Alfred Dumont,	\$71 46
Jonas Wight,	52 60
Caroline Clark,	80 14
Orlando Marston,	377 06
Joseph Webb,	22 17
George Trumbly,	6 30
John B. Fitzgerald,	21 50
Joseph Rivers,	10 20
Leon Greenough,	21 97
Fabian Wilcox,	3 18
Emma Shover,	50 00
Ephraim Crotto,	99 19
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	\$815 77

TOWN PAUPERS.

Abraham Corey,	\$76 29
Mrs. John Tallia,	86 99
Keeping tramps,	24 69
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	\$187 97

TOWN OFFICERS.

Ivory E. Gates, selectman,	\$98 00
Joel F. Mason, selectman,	65 00
Merrill Mason, Jr., selectman,	65 00

G. G. Davis, treasurer,	\$25 00
Fred E. Adams, clerk,	25 00
T. H. Mahon, collector,	90 00
A. M. Doolittle, liquor agent,	200 00
C. S. Moors, police officer,	29 00
Irvin A. White, police officer,	10 00
Weston McRoy, police officer,	19 00
Levi A. Fuller, auditor,	4 00
J. K. Southwick, auditor,	4 00
Ivory E. Gates, health officer,	5 60
C. L. Bemis, supervisor,	7 00
E. E. Ward, supervisor,	6 00
George O. Richardson, supervisor,	6 00
J. K. Southwick, police officer,	2 00
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	\$660 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Batchelder & Faulkner, retainer,	\$6 00
Octave Thomas, laying drain tile,	2 00
C. A. Allen, Memorial Day money,	50 00
Concrete sidewalks,	545 00
Printing town reports,	53 00
Insurance,	80 50
Repairing reservoir, back of schoolhouse,	93 28
Lock, for tramp cell,	1 50
Iron roofing and gutters, for town house,	52 53
Adams & Atwood, oil and nails,	4 48
Lawn mower and rake,	5 75
Work at library grounds,	6 00
Interest on library fund,	300 00
Painting roofs,	1 57
Books, stationery and postage,	3 36

Expense, taking invoice,	\$3 35
Surveying, Carkin road,	8 00
Labor and stone posts, at library,	6 25
Abatement of taxes,	85 55
Water rent of town house and trough,	10 00
State tax,	1,825 00
County tax,	1,008 40
Mowing lawn, at library,	10 54
Luke Knowlton, land damage, Carkin road,	37 50
Building Carkin road,	205 00
A. A. Wallace, water trough, 1895-1896,	6 00
Universalist society, clock and ministerial fund,	32 41
Congregational society, ministerial fund,	7 40
Methodist society, ministerial fund,	7 40
Oil, and care of street lamps,	8 48
Sheep killed by dogs,	12 50
M. J. White, agent water trough,	3 00
Dr. M. T. Stone, returning births,	1 00
W. H. Aldrich, returning births and deaths,	13 75
C. Collins, expense of cemetery committee,	59 92
Liquor complaints,	12 50
F. E. Adams, returning births and deaths,	12 25
Snow plow,	40 00
A. Knowlton, care water troughs and grates,	10 00
Concrete filling,	86 55
Taking affidavits,	2 34
James & Eli B. Knowlton, land damage,	60 00
Mrs. G. Morse, water trough, 1895-1896,	6 00
Town meeting warrants,	30
Interest on town bonds,	533 04
Borrowed money,	1,900 00
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	\$7,219 40

RECAPITULATION.

For school purposes,	\$3,374 45
School supplies,	210 00
Insurance,	56 40
School officers,	92 10
County paupers,	815 77
Town paupers,	187 97
Dependent soldiers,	50 00
Fire department,	740 14
Roads and bridges,	2,592 57
Town officers,	660 00
Miscellaneous,	7,219 40
Liquors bought,	400 86
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	\$16,399 66

MONEY ON HAND AND PAID INTO THE
TREASURY.

Cash in the treasury February 15, 1897,	
Outstanding taxes,	
Check, A. M. Doolittle,	66 38
Cash received of county,	468 86
Tax warrant,	9,943 02
Cash from A. M. Doolittle,	37 39
Money borrowed of L. Hemenway,	500 00
Money borrowed of Mary C. Hemenway,	400 00
Received from Charlestown,	100 00
Levi A. Fuller, trustee,	242 10
Cash from A. M. Doolittle,	181 89
Money borrowed of G. G. Davis,	1,000 00
Cash from A. M. Doolittle,	100 53
Cash from the county,	263 34

Cash from A. M. Doolittle,	\$79 14
Cash from L. A. Fuller, trustee,	30 73
Cash from C. Collins, cemetery committee,	80 00
Cash from L. A. Fuller, treas. funds,	120 00
L. Hemenway, trustee, town bond,	748 81
Dog license,	174 77
Railroad tax,	101 83
Savings bank tax,	1,320 12
Literary fund,	273 70
Check, A. M. Doolittle,	99 17
Town hall agent,	309 69
Discount on bill,	2 00
Interest on taxes,	12 66
Luther Hemenway, trustee,	86 83
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	\$17,820 82

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

Cash in the treasury,	\$821 10
Uncollected taxes,	600 01
Due from the county,	357 93
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	\$1,779 04

LIABILITIES, FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

Town bonds,	\$9,382 98
Interest due by estimation,	46 91
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	\$9,429 89
Assets subtracted,	1,779 04
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Indebtedness, February 15, 1897,	\$7,650 85

Indebtedness, February 15, 1896,	\$7,273 14
Increase of debt,	<u>\$377 71</u>

IVORY E. GATES,
 JOEL F. MASON,
 MERRILL MASON, JR.,
 Selectmen of Marlborough.
 GEORGE G. DAVIS,
 Town Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen, town treasurer, school board and school district treasurer, for the year ending February 15, 1897, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LEVI A. FULLER,
 LUTHER HEMENWAY,
 Auditors.

Marlborough, February 17, 1897.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

Money received of town,	\$2,564 13
Skate shop, for bridge stringers,	18 00
Mrs. Nason, for labor and drain pipe,	2 28
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Money paid out,	\$2,584 41
Crushed stone, 359 loads,	\$179 50
Stone dust, 130 loads,	13 00
Gravel,	11 05
Drain pipe,	191 50
Bridge plank,	110 91
Railing poles,	17 69
Bridge stringers,	6 25
Stick of timber,	75
Painting railing poles,	75
Freight on drain pipe,	7 52
Steel edge, for road machine,	8 50
Dynamite and fuse,	12 18
Brush cutter,	3 00
Drills and hammer handles,	4 63
Repairing tools and railing irons,	13 63
Rag used for blasting,	2 00
J. A. White, crossing mowing, winter 1896,	5 00
J. A. White, tar for bridge,	50
Care watering trough,	10 00
Breaking sidewalk, 1896,	6 50

Breaking roads, 1896,	\$74 18
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	\$679 04
Money received,	\$2,584 41
Money paid out,	679 04
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Labor,	\$1,905 37
Widening street and new sidewalk, near	
Charles Mason's, labor and material,	\$164 99
FRANK T. WISWALL,	
Road Agent.	

REPORT OF TRUSTEE OF MARLBOROUGH TRUST FUNDS.

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Jan. 1, 1897.

Received interest on Asahel Collins school fund,	\$22 47
Received interest on Lydia Wyman school fund,	22 00
Received interest on town school fund,	16 80
Received interest on A. Tucker school fund,	3 34
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	\$64 61
Received interest on ministerial fund,	22 22
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	\$86 83

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By town treasurer's receipt,	\$86 83
The amount and conditions of the funds are as follows :	
Asahel Collins school fund :	
Deposited in Guaranty Savings Bank,	\$2,601 19
Deposited in Five Cents Savings Bank,	3,537 42
Deposited in Prov. Inst. for Savings,	2,847 48
Invested in a town of Marlborough bond,	748 81
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	\$9,734 90
Invested, also, in a town of Marlborough bond :	
Lydia Wyman school fund,	\$550 00
Town school fund,	420 00

Abijah Tucker school fund,	\$83 62
Ministerial fund,	555 55

\$1,609 17

The J. T. Collins fund :

Deposited in Guaranty savings bank,	\$500 00
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Deposited in Five Cents savings bank,	200 00
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\$700 00

Total,	\$12,044 07
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LUTHER HEMENWAY,

Trustee.

Marlborough, February 15, 1897.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE
OF THE R. S. FROST LIBRARY FUND, AND
THE W. H. WILKINSON SCHOOL FUND,
FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

The library fund of \$5,000.00 and the school fund of \$2,470.00 are both invested in real estate mortgages at 6 per cent., the same as reported last year.

I have received as interest during the year, on the library fund, \$302.83, and paid the selectmen \$302.83.

I have received as interest, on the school fund, \$90.00, and paid the selectmen \$90.00.

There is outstanding \$58.20 of overdue interest on this fund, which will make the interest for one year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI A. FULLER,

Trustee.

Marlborough, Feb. 15, 1897.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE,

FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

Cash received for sale of lots :

1896.

Sept. 9.	F. M. Wiswall,	\$10 00
Dec. 10.	H. H. Ward,	25 00
Dec. 11.	W. H. Aldrich,	25 00
Dec. 11.	C. W. Clark,	10 00
Dec. 27.	G. A. Nutting,	10 00
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		\$80 00

For which amount we hold the selectmen's receipt.

EXPENSES.

Work on South cemetery,	\$10 54
Work on Old Center cemetery,	15 23
Work on North cemetery,	4 24
Work on Pine Grove cemetery,	25 91
Work of committee,	4 00
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	\$59 92

J. R. FARNUM,

F. E. McINTYRE,

CLINTON COLLINS,

Cemetery Committee.

Marlborough, Feb. 18, 1897.

REPORT OF AGENT OF TOWN HALL BUILDING,

FROM MARCH 14, 1896, TO FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

1896.

Mar. 14.	Republican caucus,	\$1 50
Mar. 22.	W. C. T. U., free.	
Mar. 31.	Dance,	6 00
Apr. 3.	Grange,	8 00
Apr. 10.	Y. M. C. A.,	3 50
Apr. 23.	Burrough & Belmont,	10 00
Apr. 24.	Dance,	5 00
Apr. 27.	Paquoig Lodge,	3 00
Apr. 30.	Base Ball Club,	1 50
May 5.	Base Ball Club,	1 50
May 7.	G. A. R., free.	
May 10.	W. C. T. U., free.	
May 23.	Town meeting, free.	
May 30.	Decoration Day, free.	
June 18.	Grange,	5 00
June 18.	Garfield & Adams,	50 00
June 20.	Roberts Bros.,	5 00
June 25.	H. L. Page,	31 25
June 26.	School, free.	
June 29.	W. C. T. U., free.	
July 5.	W. C. T. U., free.	
July 19.	Temperance meeting, free.	

July 30.	Electric R. R. hearing, free.	
Aug. 22.	Republican caucus,	\$1 50
Aug. 28.	Democratic caucus,	1 50
Sept. 3.	Dance,	6 00
Sept. 5.	H. L. Page,	31 25
Sept. 12.	Garfield & Adams,	50 00
Oct. 10.	Republican caucus,	1 50
Oct. 16.	Dance,	5 00
Oct. 22.	Catholic Fair,	13 00
Oct. 28.	Republican lecture,	3 00
Nov. 3.	Town meeting, free.	
Nov. 7.	Republican Club,	1 50
Nov. 10.	Republican Club,	1 50
Nov. 24.	Paquoig Lodge,	4 00
Dec. 9.	Garfield & Adams,	50 00
Dec. 9.	H. L. Page,	31 25
Dec. 27.	W. C. T. U., free.	
Dec. 30.	Grange,	5 00
1897.		
Jan. 14.	Torrent Engine Co., free.	
Jan. 22.	School, free.	
Feb. 4.	School, free.	
Feb. 10.	Garfield & Adams,	50 00
Feb. 10.	H. L. Page,	31 25
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		\$418 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

1896.

Mar. 19.	5 gallons oil,	\$0 55
Apr. 3.	Chimneys, oil, brush,	85
Apr. 4.	Kindling wood,	1 00
Apr. 6.	Getting in wood,	10
Apr. 8.	F. T. Wiswall, wood,	6 55

Apr. 10.	O. Thomas, sawing wood,	\$1 25
Apr. 16.	5 gallons oil,	55
Apr. 23.	Lock and fixing door,	75
Apr. 27.	5 gallons oil,	55
May 25.	5 gallons oil and matches,	75
May 26.	Lantern,	1 00
June 1.	H. H. Ward,	23 50
July 18.	5 gallons oil,	55
Sept. 13.	H. H. Ward,	15 00
Sept. 14.	George G. Davis,	84 25
Oct. 15.	5 gallons oil and wicks,	60
Oct. 21.	5 gallons oil,	50
Oct. 24.	Fixing water pipe,	35
Oct. 27.	5 gallons oil,	50
Oct. 27.	Davis, Wright & Harlow,	1 15
Oct. 30.	Davis, Wright & Harlow,	7 61
Nov. 10.	5 gallons oil,	50
Nov. 24.	C. W. Bailey,	1 00
Dec. 1.	H. H. Ward,	19 25
Dec. 14.	George G. Davis,	80 00
Dec. 15.	Repairing stove,	75
Dec. 16.	T. H. Richardson,	2 40
Dec. 30.	5 gallons oil,	50
1897.		
Jan. 14.	10 gallons oil, 6 chimneys,	1 50
Jan. 25.	F. Waldo, wood,	5 00
Jan. 28.	5 gallons oil and shovel,	1 00
Feb. 6.	T. H. Richardson,	4 25
Feb. 10.	H. H. Ward,	9 00
Feb. 11.	George G. Davis,	145 44

\$418 50

H. H. WARD,

Agent.

REPORT OF FIREWARDS.

We can give a very favorable report of our fire department. The Steamer Co. consists of fifteen men, the Torrent (hand) Engine Co. consists of forty men, all efficient. Both the Steamer and Torrent engines are in good condition. We have bought, the past year, three hundred feet of hose for the hand machine, as quite a quantity of the old was worthless.

For the better protection of a good number of the dwelling houses in this village, there should be five or six hundred feet of hose for the steamer, in addition to what we now have, as the principal supply of water is the Minnewawa.

If we had a different fire alarm than the one we now have, think the firewards and firemen would be aroused to action much quicker, especially in the night time; whereas, the bell now used either is ringing so frequently, or for some other cause, is not always heard.

There have been four alarms of fire since our last report.

First. Richardson & Pease's store house, filled with stock. Total loss of about one thousand dollars. Fire not discovered until too late to save building. Partially insured.

Second. Small building burned on the farm of Daniel Towne.

Third. Burning out of a chimney to dwelling house near library. No damage.

Fourth. House belonging to Joseph Luce; building not burned. Damage, about one hundred and fifty dollars.

C. S. MOORS, Chief of Firewards.

REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENT.

To the Selectmen of Marlborough:

Gentlemen,—I submit the following report, as liquor agent for the past year :

TOTAL SALES.

From Feb. 14, 1896, to Feb. 12, 1897,	\$564 60
Paid cash to town,	564 60
Paid for liquor and freight,	400 91
Received as salary,	200 00
Value liquors on hand,	48 40
Value containers on hand,	7 00
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Total value,	\$55 40

I have received from the town \$36.31 more than I have paid in, but the value of the goods on hand leaves a balance in favor of the town of \$19.09.

In February, 1896, the agency had been established only one month and it was not thought necessary to give a report for that time. I will therefore state that the total sales since the establishment of the agency have been \$628.59. Total expenses, for liquor, salary, etc., \$720.64 ; leaving a deficit of \$92.05. Deducting from this the value of goods on hand, \$55.40, leaves a deficit of \$36.65.

Respectfully,

A. M. DOOLITTLE, Agent.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen :

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following :

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Lying or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.							
Jan. 18	Marian Ella.	M	F	L	2	W	W	Marlboro'.	Farmer.	Marlboro'.	Surry.	32	34
" 22	Daniel Charles.	M	F	"	2	"	"	"	Section man.	Rhode Island.	Rhode Island.	26	20
" 23		M	F	"	2	"	"	"	"	Keene.	Canada.	28	27
" 27		M	F	"	1	"	"	"	"	Vermont.	Marlboro'.	26	23
Feb. 9		M	F	"	1	"	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	21	18
" 20	Ruth Emily.	M	F	"	1	"	"	"	Mechanic.	Marlboro'.	Keene.	29	23
" 25		M	F	"	1	"	"	"	Laborer.	West Swanzey.	Marlboro'.	34	24
" 28	Claude Francis.	M	F	"	1	"	"	"	Farmer.	Marlboro'.	Keene.	30	30
Mar. 18	Clesson Willard.	M	F	"	3	"	"	"	"	Harrisville.	Keene.	36	32
" 22		M	F	"	9	"	"	"	Laborer.	Marlboro'.	Marlboro'.	21	23
" 31	Arthur.	M	F	"	7	"	"	"	Watchman.	Vermont.	Canada.	37	32
Apr. 22	Lydia.	M	F	"	5	"	"	"	Stone cutter.	Canada.	"	32	30
May 5		M	F	"	6	"	"	"	Laborer.	"	"	29	27
" 8		M	F	"	2	"	"	"	Farmer.	Marlboro'.	Marlboro'.	33	30
" 13		M	F	"	4	"	"	"	Laborer.	Massachusetts.	Canada.	23	17
" 23		M	F	"	1	"	"	"	Quarryman.	Hinsdale.	"	23	26
" 25		M	F	"	1	"	"	"	Laborer.	Keene.	Swanzey.	23	17
" 25		M	F	"	3	"	"	"	"	Canada.	Canada.	36	21
June 2		M	F	"	11	"	"	"	"	Wales.	Wales.	27	20
" 13		M	F	"	7	"	"	"	Teamster.	Marlboro'.	Hancock.	45	41
" 14		M	F	"	2	"	"	"	Spinner.	Canada.	Canada.	35	34
" 15	Florence Izma.	M	F	S	2	"	"	"	Laborer.	Marlboro'.	Marlboro'.	19	17
" 17		M	F	L	1	"	"	"	Farmer.	Harrisville.	Marlboro'.	34	30
" 21		M	F	"	3	"	"	"	Spinner.	Canada.	Canada.	22	20
" 21		M	F	"	1	"	"	"	Stone cutter.	"	"	27	23
" 21		M	F	"	1	"	"	"	Laborer.	"	"	30	17
July 9		M	F	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	28	25
" 11		M	F	"	5	"	"	"	Paving cutter.	Stoddard.	Vermont.	28	23
" 16	Fred T.	M	F	"	2	"	"	"	Farmer.	Keene.	Marlboro'.	38	37
" 28		M	F	"	2	"	"	"	Spinner.	Keene.	Canada.	25	24
" 30		M	F	"	2	"	"	"	Clerk.	Rindge.	Dummerston.	24	20

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.							
Aug. 6		M	F	L	3	W	W	Marlboro'.	Mechanic.	Keene.	Sunapee.	54	34
" 16			F	"	2	"	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Marlboro'.	20	21
" 20		F	F	"	3	"	"	"	"	Canada.	Canada.	28	22
" 21		F	F	"	7	"	"	"	Farmer.	Marlboro'.	Vermont.	41	31
" 23		F	F	"	2	"	"	"	Laborer.	Massachusetts.	Swanzy.	38	28
" 28		F	F	"	1	"	"	"	"	Canada.	Canada.	25	19
" 31		M	F	"	2	"	"	"	Paving cutter.	Epsom.	Portland, Me.	24	20
Sept. 19		F	F	"	3	"	"	"	Laborer.	Vermont.	"	32	27
" 22		F	F	"	1	"	"	"	Station agent.	Fairhaven, Vt.	Canada.	34	22
" 29		F	F	"	11	"	"	"	Laborer.	Vermont.	"	50	42
" 7		F	F	"	6	"	"	"	Farmer.	Mont Vernon.	Vermont.	38	40
" 9		F	F	"	2	"	"	"	Laborer.	Massachusetts.	Acworth.	25	28
" 12	Lee Emerson.	M	F	"	6	"	"	"	Farmer.	Nelson.	Harrisville.	39	38
" 16			F	"	3	"	"	"	"	Marlboro'.	Illinois.	38	26
" 23		M	F	"	2	"	"	"	Stone cutter.	Finland.	Springfield.	25	24
" 27		F	F	"	3	"	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Finland.	22	24
Nov. 4		F	F	"	2	"	"	"	"	Vermont.	Gilsom.	28	25
" 19		F	F	"	2	"	"	"	"	New York.	Vermont.	22	24
" 27		M	F	"	1	"	"	"	"	Canada.	Keene.	22	18
Dec. 2	George L.	M	F	"	1	"	"	"	"	Vermont.	Keene.	29	18
" 16		M	F	"	2	"	"	"	"	Canada.	Canada.	22	22
" 18		F	F	"	3	"	"	"	Merchant.	Troy.	Troy.	29	28

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of Mar.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	* Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Feb. 11	Marlboro'.	Michael Martin.	Marlboro'.	21	W	Laborer.	Canada.	Edgar Martin.	Canada.	Blacksmith.	1st	Rev. D. C. Ling.
		Esther Messier.	"	18	"	Weaver.	"	Selma Labelle.	"	Blacksmith.	1st	Marlboro'.
Apr. 30	"	Walter L. Metcalf.	"	37	"	Printer.	Marlboro'.	Emily Hebert.	"	Machinist.	1st	Rev. J. S. Colby.
		Rozella J. Haupt.	Bellfonte, Pa.	35	"	Dressmaker.	Bellfonte, Pa.	Thad. Metcalf.	Marlboro', Vt.	Housekeeper.	1st	Marlboro'.
June 12	"	Erick Erickson.	Marlboro'.	29	"	Quarryman.	Finland.	Isaac C. Haupt	Irish Valley	Housewife.	2d	Rev. J. S. Colby
		Joh'na Silfberg.	"	25	"	Housekeeper	"	Kath. Ahert.	Louisburg.	Farmer.	1st	Marlboro'.
" 4	"	William L. Stacy.	"	35	"	Blacksmith.	Stoddard.	Erick Erickson.	Finland.	Housewife.	1st	Marlboro'.
		Ella J. Howe.	"	35	"	Housekeeper	Harrisville.	A. Massahaka.	"	Farmer.	2d	Rev C F McIntire
" 24	"	David P. Woods.	"	35	"	Blacksmith.	Harrisville.	J. Silfberg.	"	Farmer.	2d	Marlboro'.
		Annie H. Mason.	"	25	"	Housekeeper	Henniker.	A. Stacy.	"	Farmer.	2d	Marlboro'.
Sept. 1	"	John Wilcox.	"	20	"	Spinner.	Dublin.	S. T. Symonds.	Rindge.	Farmer.	1st	Rev. D. J. Smith,
		Olivine Raymond.	"	19	"	Weaver.	Canada.	E. J. Kemis.	Dublin.	Farmer.	1st	Marlboro'.
July 25	"	Edward P. Young.	"	24	"	Quarryman.	Manchester.	Charles Woods.	Henniker.	Laborer.	1st	Rev. D. C. Ling,
		Hattie Gilpatrick.	"	24	"	Housework.	Portland.	Joel F. Mason.	Dublin.	Housewife.	1st	Marlboro'.
Sept. 8	"	Charlie Dumont.	"	23	"	Quarryman.	Canada.	C. Richardson.	Marlboro'.	Farmer.	1st	Rev. D. C. Ling,
		Victoria Croteau.	"	20	"	Weaver.	"	J. Beauchage.	"	Mason.	1st	Marlboro'.

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of Mar- riage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	* Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Sta- tion of person by whom married.
Oct. 1	Marlboro'.	Fred D. Hayden.	Fitzwilliam.	23	W	Stone cutter.	Fitzwilliam.	Daniel Hayden C. Davis.	Fitzwilliam.	Granite d'r.	1st	Rev. J. S. Colby,
		Essie E. Whipple.	Richmond.	20	"	Housework.	Richmond.	Jul'n Whipple Marion.		Housework.	1st	Marlboro'.
Sept. 15	"	Willie D. Collins.	Marlboro'.	30	"	Clerk.	Marlboro'.	Chas. Collins. E. Whitcomb.	Marlboro'.	Paul turner. Housewife.	1st	Rev C F McIntire
		Bertha A. Mellen.	"	26	"	"	Holliston, Ms	Wm. Mellen. Lois Thomson.	Medbury. Holliston.	Laborer. Housewife.	1st	Marlboro'.
Nov. 12	Cleveland, O.	Fred J. Farrar.	Troy.		"	Clerk.	Marlboro'.	Levi A. Fuller.		Manufact'g.	1st	Rev. J. G. Fraser
		Ida E. Fuller.	"		"	"						Cleveland, O.

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition				Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.	S. M. W.*		Father.	Mother.		
Feb. 8	Fred T. Jewett.	38	3	8	Stoddard.	M	F	W	M	Farmer.	N. Hampshire.	N. Hampshire.	Chas. Jewett.	Ann Taylor.
" 21	George A. Trombley.	18			Canada.			"	M		Canada.	"	John Croto.	G. Boumet.
" 23	Pauline Bushey.	24	3		"	M	F	"	M		"	"	Antoine Pelerin.	Josephine Talbot.
" 26	George Thatcher.	81			Keene.	M	F	"	M	Farmer.	Gilmanston.	Woodstock.	Benj. Thatcher.	Betsey Page.
Mar. 26	Charles A. Smith.	33	10	22	Woodstock.	M	F	"	S	Physician.	"	"	Chas. Smith.	Carolina Sawyer.
Apr. 11	Rebecca Hastings.	87	8	16	Jaffrey.	M	F	"	M	Housewife.	Finland.	Finland.	John Cutler.	Polly Batchelder.
" 11	Mrs. James White.	65			"			"	S		"	"	Mate Nallie.	Nancy Conant.
May 16	Lembi N. Mattia.	9	20		Marlboro'.	M	F	"	W		"	"	"	Lizzie Osteen.
June 25	James S. Nason.	69	2	20	Winchendon.	M	F	"	M		Canada.	Vermont.	— Taylor.	Julia Luce.
July 4	Georgiana Fuller.	61	9	21	Marlboro'.	M	F	"	S		"	"	Peter Pelkey.	Peter Pelkey.
" 17	Rosanna Pelkey.	61	1	3	Richmond.	M	F	"	W		"	"	Benj. Foster.	Barbara Phillips.
Aug. 4	Abraham Corey.	98			"	M	F	"	W	Stone cutter.	"	"	Orlando Marston.	Annie Bunting.
" 6	Enoch Foster.	77	4		Canada.	M	F	"	S		"	"	"	"
Oct. 25	William Gitty.	1	7	12	Marlboro'.	M	F	"	S		"	"	"	"
Nov. 5	Bertha Marston.	6	8	14	Boston, Ms.	M	F	"	S		"	"	"	"
Dec. 7	Emma A. Aldrich.	6			"	M	F	"	S		"	"	"	"

* Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
FRED E. ADAMS, Town Clerk.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L.S.]

To the inhabitants of the town of Marlborough, in the county of Cheshire in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall, in said Marlborough, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1.—To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3.—To see if the town will vote to give the use of the town hall to the Steamer Co., for their annual entertainment.

4.—To see if the town will vote to purchase a suitable hose wagon, for the use of the Steamer Co., choose a committee to buy, and raise money to pay for the same, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

5.—To see if the town will vote to purchase a fire alarm, choose a committee, and raise money to pay for the same, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

6.—To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to expend a sum of money for concrete sidewalks, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

7.—To see if the town will vote to build a concrete sidewalk, from Will Russell's house to corner of R. M. Lawrence's house lot, thence to sidewalk, front of the Odd Fellows' block.

8.—To see if the town will vote to continue their liquor agency upon the same basis as during the past year, or act in any manner in relation to the same.

9.—To see if the town will vote to put a steel bridge across the river near Isaac A. Davis' place, make an appropriation for the same, or act in any manner in relation to this or other bridges in town.

10.—To hear reports of the town treasurer and selectmen to the auditors; the reports of the auditors, agents, committees, or other officers heretofore chosen or appointed, and pass any vote relating thereto.

11.—To transact all other business which may come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

IVORY E. GATES,

JOEL F. MASON,

Selectmen of Marlborough.

